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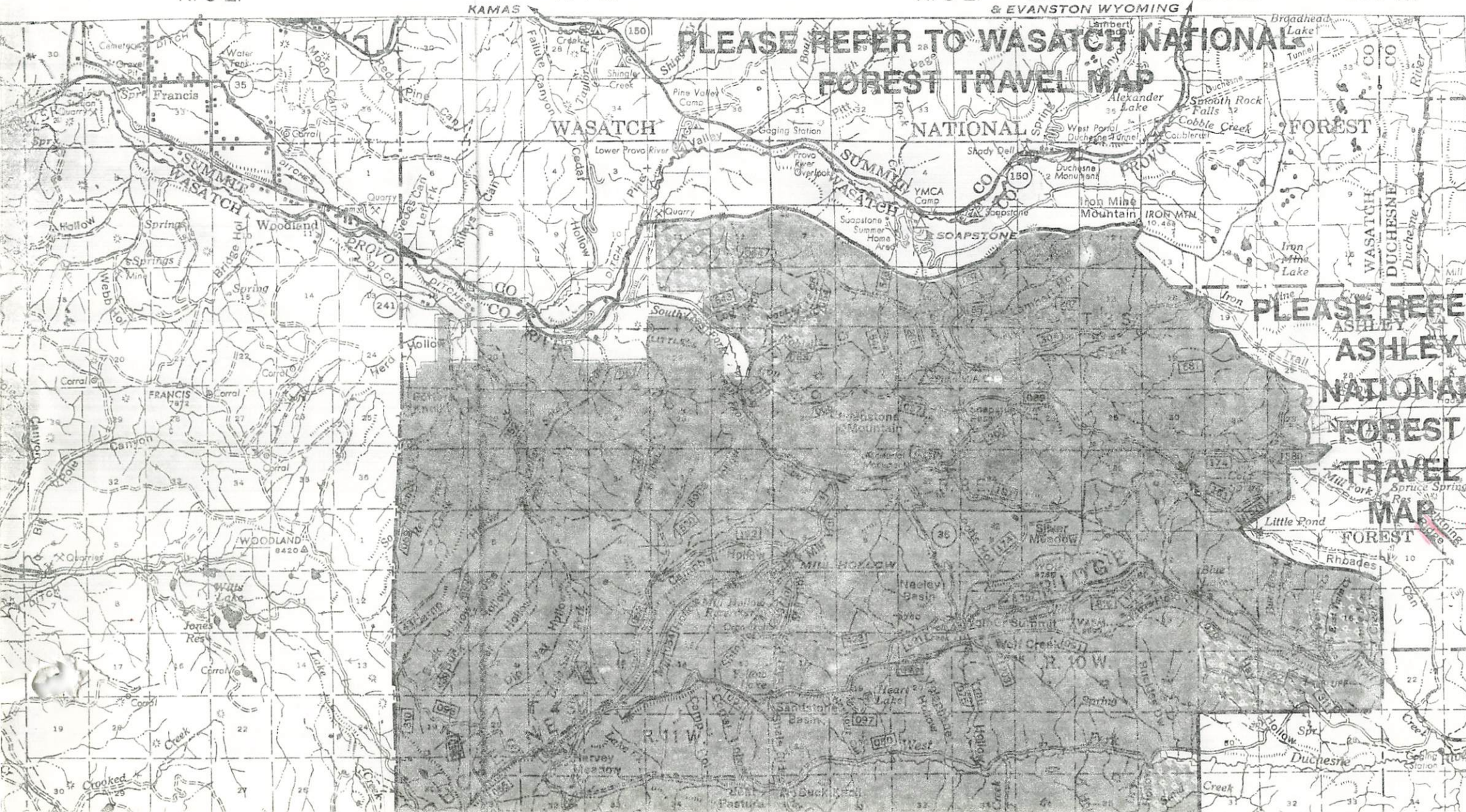
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LIFE HISTORY OF JESSE BIGLER

Jesse Bigler was born 9 April 1888, in Shunway, Nauajo, Arizona, the son of Jacob Arnold and Rozetta Cripps Bigler.

In his early years, he moved to Midway, Wasatch, Utah. There, he followed the normal pursuits of a young man, growing up in a small farm community.

In 1913, he received a mission call to Germany and Switzerland. At this time, he was engaged to a local girl Cora Loemma Vail; daughter of John Riley Vail and Alice White.

Jesse was a diligent missionary. When World War I commenced, the missionaries were called back to America to complete their missions. Jesse was transferred to Ohio. A short time before the completion of his mission in Ohio, Jesse suffered a ruptured appendix. He was gravely ill. He was administered to, and received the promise that he would live long enough to come home and have a wife and family.

The Salt Lake Temple was the place of marriage for Jesse and his bride Cora, on November 14, 1915. They were very happy for the short time they were married.

On 5 September, 1917 while working as a sheep herder near Wolf Creek, Utah, Jesse was struck by lightning and killed! The bolt of lightning struck Jesse and his horse, killing both.

Jesse and Cora's first born, a daughter, Frieda Jessie, born 25 August, 1916, was about one year old when Jesse was killed. Their second child Wanda Leona was born the next April 10, 1918.

For Jesse's widow Cora, Jesses death was very hard to bear. She cried and cried and could not stop. She cried so much that Jesse came to her in a dream and said he could not be happy with her feeling such terrible grief. He told Cora that it would be just a short time before They would be together again.

Bigler Monument on Lightning Ridge

Cora had to get on with her life. She struggled to raise her two little girls. In the fall of 1918, she became the Post Master of the Post Office in Midway, Wasatch, Utah.

In January 1921, she married a widower John M. Murdoch (Jock) in the Salt Lake Temple for time only. On 17 August 1926, a daughter, Phyllis, was born to them. John M. Murdoch died 26 April 1928. This daughter Phyllis, will follow the mothers sealing line and hence, is sealed to Jesse Bigler.

On 7 March, 1929, Cora married Earl Vail Wall in Ogden, Weber, Utah. From this marriage a son, Earl Vail Wall, was born on July 26, 1930. He too, will be sealed to Jesse Bigler. Cora and Earl Wall were divorced in the summer of 1939.

Cora continued to struggle to raise her four children. She became a barber and beautician and by income in this profession raised her family. She resided in Park City, Summit Utah until 1944. She then moved to Salt Lake City Utah and was employed at Hill Air Force base, Ogden, Utah. After her retirement, she fulfilled two full time missions for the Lords church.

Cora Vail Bigler died on Sept 10, 1970. She is buried by Jesse Bigler in Midway Wasatch Utah cemetery.

Jesse was a wonderful man, and needed very much by his young family. He was understanding, kind, gentle, honest and humble man.

Jesse Bigler
in his teen
age years

